

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

It is surprising that powder coating materials based on a polyester-epoxy binder comprising the epoxy resins of the invention are less prone to fluctuations in charging under the influence of changes in the operational parameters. These ~~power~~ powder coating materials are also more tolerant to excessive curing temperatures (yellowing of the coating is reduced). The tribo-charging of the powder coating material, finally, can be controlled by changing the amount in which the epoxy resins of the invention are added. The epoxy resins of the invention modified with sterically hindered amines in particular are stable on storage despite their nitrogen content. Similarly the storage stability of the finished powder coating materials, which is manifested for example in a slower decrease in the gel time, is improved. These powder coating materials are also less prone to fluctuations in tribo-charging under the influence of moisture (during storage, for example).